

Winter Evenings on the Farm.

Don't work in the winter evening. Give that time to the children, the books and papers. Do you think God didn't know what he was about when he made the winter day short and the winter night long and then made plenty of coal and wood and oil to warm and light us? Quit work when God puts out his light, and combining the two greatest of earthly blessings, the power to read and something to read, let the tired body rest and the starved brain be fed.

Study some with the children. You will not only delight them by so doing but you will find that the text book of today is as great an improvement on the old blue-back speller as the parlor car is over the prairie schooner. Cells in your brain that have been hermetically sealed for long years, again. Talk to the children. Don't doubt your own wisdom. Fresh air and sunshine and an honest life, even though it be one of toil and hardship makes good cerebral matter and "you're wiser than you know." At least you have your own thoughts, not the third-hand mentalities of a gabbling multitude. We count that boy happy who has an honest farmer father who will sit down talk to and teach him. Home is the place to learn the beauties of good government, of true liberty, to find that freedom is not a myth, that honesty and industry pay. If we had more teaching from parents we would have more true teaching and more genuine learning. So give the long evenings to mental and social life and when summer comes around again there will be enough hours of light for work.

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Railroad Rates Raised.

The Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul road has advanced its freight rates from Iowa points to Minneapolis and St. Paul. The advance is 1 cent on 100 pounds from all the Iowa stations except two, and it applies on coarse grains including corn, oats and rye in car lots. The rate at present is 17 cents on 100 pounds to Milwaukee and 12 cents to Minneapolis. The raising of the rate to Minneapolis gives Milwaukee shippers advantage of 1 cent on 100 pounds they did not enjoy before.

Do you like to trade where you have to dick over the price of the clothing you buy? Some stores do that very thing. Paine & Ward are strictly one price.

Echoes from Little Salt.

To the Editor of the INDEPENDENT: A veridical scheme of the Lyman B. Gage. To put our greenbacks in a stove or steel cage. An "aid of an aye" as "bonds" and "bank notes. Out in this neck 'o woods kinder sticks in our throats. They're a lot us cornhuskers don't know on finance ideas. But we don't like to fiddle and pay for the dance. An' banks draw'n interest on notes that they owe. Looks like eatin' their cake and a keepin' their dough.

In the hands of these folks filled with these finance ideas. That rattles around like a pod of dry peas. It may be a greenback ain't hardly with smoke. That banknotes is good when bankers go broke; but in this neck 'o woods kinder sticks in our throats. A banker is better 'n our own Uncle Sam.

I remember the day when the postmaster paid the greenbacks first to us—it was after the raid with Stinson—we cut through the heart of the South. A swath like a prairie fire after a drought. It seems like a dream from some far distance. There's no more of it now in my old-fashioned store. Straight ahead of us now in that forest of pine. Straight ahead in our road those rifles' red breath. Now in our ranks like the scythe stroke of death. But on with cheers to the Union salute. Where the stars and stripes wave not where glowboys is men. And money we pledged with our lives and our lands. Was waitin' for us in the paymaster's hands.

We fought for the greenbacks—we made 'em all good. As wheat, or as gold, with our nation's best blood. They're good as gold yet; the bankers can't stand. To let Uncle Sam issue notes in the land. There'll be enough green ready soon with the votes.

Far to issue the banks as well as the notes. Drive on with your banks and your bonds. There's a bank in every town. You'll come to, we're thinkin', out in Little Salt.

Mortgage Corner, Little Salt Precinct, Nov. 25, 1897. Good styles, moderate prices and kind treatment will be accorded all patrons of Mrs. Lloyds Millinery store—125 So. 12th Street.

Bryan Still in the Lead.

Perhaps the most disappointing election news which the republicans have received is that from Nebraska, says the Cleveland Recorder. They had depended upon a republican victory there to take Bryan out of the list of presidential possibilities, as one whose state had repudiated him, and so certain were they that they would win in Nebraska that as soon as the returns began to come in they began to claim the state. But the vote the other way was decisive and now they are obliged to wait for a more favorable opportunity to head off Bryan as a presidential candidate against them.

The desire of the republicans to see Bryan barred out is natural. They know much better than the democrats do what enormous sums it cost to defeat Bryan last year and they appreciate the narrowness of the chance by which even then he failed of election. The man who against all the devices of the devil which were resorted to in behalf of McKinley last year, could command, as Bryan did, a popular following of six and one-half million voters—almost as many as by hook and by crook were drawn to McKinley, and more than were ever before cast for a presidential candidate—is to be got out of the race if possible. The republicans do not wish to meet him again. It is risky to say nothing of its being expensive. But Mr. Bryan has not been subtracted by the Nebraska election. The republicans must try again.—Journal of Knights of Labor.

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SMALL HAPPENINGS.

The annual meeting of the Nebraska Jersey Cattle Breeder's Association will be held December 2, 1897, at Crete, Neb. Papers on important subjects will be read and discussed.

Nebraska's junior senator, Hon. John M. Thurston, said in New York City: "If General Tracy is defeated there will be no more republican presidents in your life or mine." General Tracy was third in the race. On one other occasion this same statesman said that Nebraska would give 50,000 plurality for the republican party no matter what the platform. His estimate was "off" about 65,000. It would be interesting to know what his next prediction will be.

The socialists in Berlin, Germany, have won a very significant victory in that city. At the last election they gained five members of the municipal council. They will inaugurate municipal ownership of all natural monopolies.

The pupils of the deaf and dumb institution at Omaha, publish a small paper "The Breeze." Many of the notes become very proficient printers. When they are once acquainted with an office they are nearly as proficient as printers who can hear and talk.

Secretary of Agriculture Wilson is sending out poppy seeds with the hope, he says, that the United States will within a few years produce rather than import the \$400,000 worth of opium consumed. A questionable industry to receive governmental encouragement.

Senator Elkins of West Virginia, has volunteered to inform the president that congress is not going to take kindly to Secretary Gage's currency plans. The outlook for an early settlement of the currency problem is not yet favorable.

It is given out that twenty republican members of the legislature in Ohio will oppose Hanna's return to the United States Senate and that the democratic members of that body will unite with these republicans to elect Governor Bushnell.

As an evidence of prosperity the Warner Company, of Akron, Ohio, the largest printing firm in the world, asked for a receiver last week.

Senator Mason, of Illinois, in a lecture on the United States Senate (its frailties, principally,) at Chicago, pleaded for the election of Senators by a direct vote of the people. "He said; 'When the senator is elected by the checkbook that man owes no allegiance to anybody. When elected by the dictation of a party boss his allegiance is to that boss. Let the people choose him, and let him be responsible to the people.'

The directors of the Burlington company have declared the regular quarterly dividend of 1 per cent, payable December 1.

For several winters hog thieves have levied heavy tribute on the farmers of Burt county. They have commenced operations again this winter. Six large, fat hogs were stolen in one night from the feed yards of C. W. Conkling, near Tekamah and the thieves have undoubtedly made successful their escape. The plan of hog stealing seems to be to drive the hogs out of the yard and work them along the road to some isolated place where they are loaded into a wagon, the rear end of which has been let down to the ground by removing the hind wheels.

EDITORS' IDEAS.

The republican press continues to be inconsistent. In one column they claim with great gusto that "the silver cause is dead" and straightway they use those columns with alleged arguments calculated to further complete the killing. They state that Bryan's influence is lost, yet his theories are somewhat deceased yet there is no man to-day in the known world, who is receiving such wholesale abuse, and whose name and fame occupy so much space in republican gold standard organs as this same W. J. Bryan. If he is dead, politically and the cause he represents has ceased to occupy the public mind, why do they trouble themselves about it. Let the dead rest in peace—they can accomplish nothing. Plainville News.

The republicans carried 20 counties, according to latest reports, of these, 12 counties gave an average majority of 33 and 8 of 419. Only three, Douglas, Gage and Lancaster, gave majorities ranging over 200. A change of 190 votes would have given 12 counties to Sullivan, and a change of 305 votes would have given five of the other 8 counties to Sullivan, leaving only three to Post. In other words a change of 565 votes would have taken 17 counties from the Post column and left him but 3, in this one republican stronghold, where the arrogant leaders declared they could elect yellow dogs over the best men of the opposition. "How are the mighty fallen," no wonder the political orphans howl at the changed condition.—Crete Democrat.

How awful hard for the gang to let loose. Their grip, however, is growing weaker every day. Platte County Argus.

The president hesitates over Hawaii, he hesitates over Cuba, he hesitates before he announces his allegiance to the "existing gold standard" plank of the St. Louis platform; he may be expected to hesitate over currency reform. Over every important question that has thus far touched him he will probably hesitate. He is the great hesitator of the presidential office.—Adams County Democrat.

John J. and Homer M. Sullivan now carry the campaign belt of Nebraska. Yes, verily, the name of Sullivan is a winner.—Ex.

Senator Thurston speaks in Seward county. Seward county's silver vote was increased materially over last year. Senator Thurston spoke in York county. For the first time in its history York county went against the republicans, and the same is true in Jefferson county, where the senator also spoke. Great is Senator Thurston.—Seward County Independent.

We never gave John M. Thurston credit for half the guilement his friends ascribe to him, but when he retired long before election from the next senatorial campaign, he displayed what amounts

THE OFFICIAL VOTE.

Abstract of votes cast at the general election held in the state of Nebraska, on the second day of November 1897 for judges of the supreme court and regents of the University of Nebraska.

Table with columns for SUPREME JUDGE, REGENTS STATE UNIVERSITY, and COUNTRIES. Lists candidates and their respective vote counts across various counties.

Puralties as follows: Sullivan 13,819; Ford over Kaley 10,045; Ford over Dryden 8,878; Kenower over Kaley 9,266; Kenower over Dryden 8,059.

to positive genius, or a marvelous, for a republican, insight into the future. Verily, we shall have to revise our opinion of John.—Central City Democrat.

Immediately after railroad pools were knocked out by the courts, the companies set about to form new combinations which so far have not been able to work very satisfactorily. They will therefore attempt to have congress pass a law permitting pools. There has been such a bill pending for several years and has many supporters among the wealthy members. Such a law would legalize the biggest trust the world may ever expect to see.—Keith County News.

The spectacle of the city council of Philadelphia voting a lease of the city gas works to a private syndicate for thirty years, is a commentary on representative government that is anything but encouraging. Another syndicate offered to take it on the same terms and pay the city immediately \$1,000,000 and in addition \$30,000 annually, but it was refused. It is plain that the council was hoodled into the job. It is the consummation of the rule of the money bags. Yet there are many good people who do not think the country is in any danger from the corporations. It is charged that the lease was a violation of the charter and the matter will probably go into the courts, but then if they "influence" city members of the council it will probably not be difficult to "influence" a judge or two. The referendum in such matters would stop such corruption.—Hutchinson (Kans.) Gazette.

THE MARKETS. Kansas City Grain and Live Stock. Hard Wheat—No. 1, 86c; No. 2, 86c; No. 3, 85c; No. 4, 84c; rejected, 77c. Soft Wheat—No. 1, 93c; No. 2, 91c; No. 3, 90c; No. 4, 88c; rejected, 80c. Spring Wheat—No. 2, 83c; No. 3, 80c; rejected, 76c. Corn—Mixed—No. 2, 34c; No. 3, 34c; No. 4, 33c. White corn—No. 2, 34c; No. 3, 34c; No. 4, 34c. Oats—Mixed—No. 2, 20c; No. 3, 19c; No. 4, 18c; rejected, 17c. Cattle Receipts, 7,703; calves, 480; shipped, 6,335; native, 303; calves, 43. Market was strong to 10 cents higher. Dressed beef and shipping steers, \$2.75; 5.00; native heifers, \$3.00-3.45; native cows, \$1.75-3.40; native feeders, \$3.50-4.00; native stockers, \$2.00-3.00. Hogs Receipts, 17,171; shipped, 1,723. Market averaged 2c higher. Top sale was \$1.10 and the bulk of sales from \$2.25 to \$3.37 1/2.

INSURANCE DEPARTMENT. Conducted by J. V. M. Stewart. Correspondence solicited.

THE IOWA MUTUAL INSURANCE Association convened in Des Moines last week. We were in attendance and have to say that it was the best meeting we have had the pleasure of attending. The discussion of the subject of electricity and spontaneous combustion were well worth the time and expense to see and hear Prof. Dodd, by the use of an electrical machine, set fire to a miniature house and demonstrate how two or more animals may be killed while only one would show any effect from the electricity. It would be money well spent by any company in Nebraska if they would send a delegate to Des Moines to see Mr. Dodd. But if his expenses are guaranteed, he will attend our meeting next January. It seems that there should be enough interest taken in this state to get posted in this line. As many of our losses are caused by lightning, every one who has a

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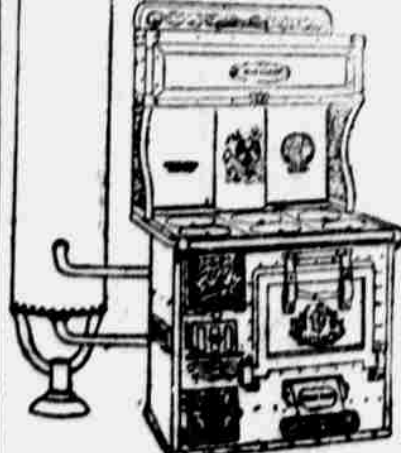
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